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A copy of the listed document is attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Applicant also notes that three (3) signed Form 1449's submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements dated July 9, 1997, December 19, 1997 and January 14, 1999, courtesy copies are attached, have yet to be received by Applicant. Applicant requests the Examiner to provide copies of all four (4) of the signed Form 1449's to the Applicant.

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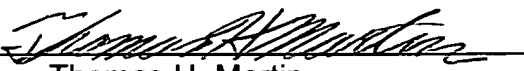
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